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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ERIE DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTY DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 23 and 24, 1952

1. The Erie County Office of Civil Defense will stage a special civil defense demonstration on Thursday, October 23, 1952, at Erie, Pennsylvania. Officially named "Operation Civil Defense", the program will include, among other features, "live" demonstrations of the following:

(a)	School Defense	(e)	Mass Traffic Control
(b)	Mobile Canteens	(f)	Unexploded Bomb Disposal
(c)	Emergency Hospitals	(g)	Control Center Operations
(d)	Building Evacuation	(h)	Mock Air Attack

2. The first phase of "Operation Civil Defense" will take place at Academy High School, 26th and State Streets, Erie, Pennsylvania, beginning promptly at 9:00 A.M., E.S.T., Thursday, October 23. The exercise will continue through the day and end at approximately 10:30 o'clock the same evening.

3. On Friday morning, October 24, 1952, there will be an important meeting for all County and Local Civil Defense Directors. The conference will be held in the ballroom of the Lawrence Hotel, beginning promptly at 9:30 A.M., E.S.T. The Honorable James J. Wadsworth, Acting Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, will both address the group and answer questions. Among the subjects listed for discussion will be the 1952-53 matching fund program. The session will end about noon on Friday.

4. "Operation Civil Defense" will provide not only civil defense workers, but also county and local government officials with an excellent opportunity to see "civil defense in action." All County Civil Defense Directors strongly are urged to go to Erie for the sessions on October 23 and 24 and to take with them as many local officials and civil defense volunteers as may be able to make the trip. All will be welcome both at Thursday's demonstration and at Friday morning's meeting.

5. Hotel accommodations in the City of Erie are "tight". It is believed, however, that those desiring to stay there can be accommodated at the Hotel Lawrence, 10th and Peach Streets, Erie, provided they request reservations not later than Wednesday, October 15, and provided such requests indicate that the rooms are desired for use in connection with "Operation Civil Defense". All room reservation requests must be addressed and forwarded directly to the hotel.

6. All County and Local Civil Defense Directors and all other out-of-town volunteers and officials planning to attend "Operation Civil Defense" kindly are requested to notify Mr. Robert A. Blair, Director, Erie County Office, 209 City Hall Annex, Erie, of their intentions, so that he may make the necessary arrangements for luncheon and dinner on Thursday, October 23. All such notices should be in Mr. Blair's hands at the earliest possible date and not later than Monday, October 20, 1952.

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